

OVERSEA TRADE (Direct)

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In this bulletin details are shown of the more important commodities or groups of commodities imported into and exported from South Australia, and the value of such trade with selected oversea countries. Particulars of interstate trade and oversea trade via other states have not been included.

The value of goods imported represents the amount on which duty is payable or would be payable if duty were ad valorem, and the value of goods exported represents the F.O.B. value or its equivalent.

Imports by Countries

The United Kingdom is the main country supplying imports into South Australia. Since 1949/50 direct imports from the United Kingdom have varied between £18.5m. and £36.4m. while the proportion to total imports has fluctuated between 40.0% and 52.2%.

In 1957/58, the United Kingdom supplied 46.4% of total imports, United States 11.9%, India 7.3% and Canada 4.9%, and in each of the last five years, these countries were the source of over two-thirds of total imports.

TABLE 1 - VALUE OF IMPORTS FROM PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

Name of Country	(a) 1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	25,503	31,869	30,827	19,965	21,394
Canada	3,548	2,702	2,371	2,378	2,251
India, Republic of	2,383	4,434	3,349	3,546	3,351
Bahrein Islands	2,199	1,913	1,683	1,244	333
Germany, Federal Republic of	774	1,295	1,982	1,370	2,105
Indonesia	2,373	2,892	2,019	1,176	1,030
Netherlands	417	804	993	1,165	1,330
United States of America	4,499	8,605	7,332	5,560	5,496

(a) Outside packages in 1953/54 (totalling £1,101,000) are excluded.

Exports by Countries

The United Kingdom is the principal country to which goods are exported. Exports to the United Kingdom rose from £27.1m. in 1949/50 to a peak of £55.5m. (45.1% of total exports) in 1952/53, and since then both value and proportion to total value have declined steadily to £31.3m. (31.5%) in 1957/58.

Exports to other countries vary considerably from year to year, but four countries - Japan, United States of America, France and New Zealand - have received over 30% of South Australian exports in recent years. In 1957/58 the respective proportions of total exports to these countries were 11.2%, 9.3%, 8.7% and 7.9%.

TABLE 2 - VALUE OF EXPORTS TO PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES.

Country	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
United Kingdom	45,928	38,775	37,801	38,851	31,254
Ceylon	1,884	3,230	3,104	1,669	377
India, Republic of	1,708	1,633	893	1,657	1,406
New Zealand	6,395	6,271	7,299	9,059	7,790
Rhodesia & Nyasaland	2,164	1,546	1,277	1,638	2,275
Belgium & Luxemburg	3,813	4,600	3,456	3,534	4,703
France	7,473	6,930	7,397	9,847	8,665
Germany, Federal Republic of	2,378	2,492	2,967	3,736	3,122
Italy	4,691	2,611	2,218	3,791	3,899
Japan	6,996	4,804	6,558	16,682	11,138
United States of America	11,654	11,002	10,458	16,030	9,244

Imports - Value

Apart from the year 1951/52 (£93m.) the value of imports into South Australia has since 1949/50 varied between £45m. and £65m. annually. The changes in totals have been influenced mainly by two groups of commodities:-

(1) Metal and metal manufactures, which comprises nearly half of all imports. The most variable commodities in this group are Motor Vehicles and Iron and Steel.

(2) Oils etc. The value of direct imports of this group, which includes Petrol, Kerosene and Diesel oil, has in the five years fallen steadily from £8.5m. to £2.4m. (The import of petrol, kerosene and diesel oil from Western Australia has risen from £5,000 in 1953/54 to £9.1m. in 1957/58).

The proportions which principal items bear to total imports have not changed greatly since before the war. Apart from the variation in the oils group, the most marked fluctuations in percentages have been rises for Machines and Machinery (from 15.6% in 1938/39 to 22.0% in 1957/58) and Vehicles (from 7.4% to 11.6%).

TABLE 3 - VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED

Principal Articles Imported	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Apparel and Attire	431	510	372	207	340
Arms, Ammunition, Explosives	58	271	76	52	85
Bags, Sacks, etc.	1,611	3,323	2,478	2,573	2,045
Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory	132	144	128	135	139
Crockery, etc.	344	425	360	276	291
Drugs, Chemicals, etc. n.e.i.	977	1,439	1,737	1,169	2,213
Fertilizers	436	480	521	732	714
Fibres - vegetable	794	1,312	1,026	1,514	1,269
Fish - all kinds	203	309	362	227	356
Glass and Glassware	708	842	813	978	1,032
Instruments, etc. - Musical	14	72	64	35	69
Scientific	146	197	226	242	186
Jewellery and Timepieces	130	203	183	127	144
Metal & Metal Manufactures (total)	(23,571)	(31,572)	(32,328)	(20,268)	(20,396)
Cutlery and Platedware	166	181	159	135	137
Iron and Steel	2,465	7,290	6,987	3,381	2,544
Machines and Machinery -					
Dynamo Electrical	2,287	2,705	3,466	2,754	3,007
Other	7,417	7,652	7,937	6,609	7,362
Non Ferrous Metals	54	260	297	263	258
Vehicles (total)	(9,122)	(11,562)	(11,056)	(5,478)	(5,455)
Aircraft & Parts	121	105	886	485	369
Motor Vehicles & Parts	8,356	10,638	9,291	4,534	4,409
Motor Cycles, Cycles & Parts	323	393	372	218	266
Other Vehicles & Parts	322	426	507	241	411
Wire	520	524	790	292	162
Other Metal & Metal Manufactures	1,540	1,398	1,636	1,356	1,471
Oils, Fats, Waxes, etc. -					
Petrol, etc.	4,400	3,433	2,747	1,734	953
Kerosene	878	947	780	878	598
Lubricating (Mineral)	329	385	524	568	545
Other	2,909	2,514	1,174	865	771
Paints, Varnishes, Pigments	201	259	305	390	458
Paper, Paper Pulp, etc.	1,269	2,004	1,838	1,694	1,712
Plastic Materials and Fibres	265	274	268	281	661
Rubber and Rubber Goods	364	546	553	411	582
Spices	49	40	36	32	39
Stationery, Books, etc.	561	649	719	686	814
Sulphur, inc. Brimstone	282	358	238	88	34
Tea	711	1,212	614	747	593
Textiles, Piecegoods, etc.	3,741	4,196	3,374	2,495	3,156
Timber	1,844	2,489	3,340	2,808	2,677
Tobacco, Cigars, etc.	389	203	119	41	58
Whisky	26	47	52	35	43
Yarns	167	131	177	140	139
All Other	3,532	4,018	5,220	2,979	3,991
TOTAL VALUE IMPORTS	51,472	64,804	62,752	45,407	47,103

Exports - Quantity.

This table shows quantities of selected items of export, the values of which are shown in table 5. Details of quantities of other items shown in table 5 are not included, because the number of different units of quantity used for various manufactured products does not permit suitable grouping.

The export of butter and cheese in 1957/58 was the lowest for the five years under review. (Production of milk in 1957/58 was 81m. gallons, compared with 85m., 91m., 90m. and 90m. gallons respectively from 1953/54 to 1956/57).

Changes in production of commodities do not necessarily cause corresponding changes in exports in that year. For example, grain yields fell considerably as a result of the 1957 drought, the wheat yield in 1957/58 being only 14.9m. bushels, a fall of 52.6% from the previous year, while in the same period, the barley yield fell by 48.4% to 17.6m. bushels, but in the same period, exports of wheat fell by only 26.7%, and barley by only 6.0%.

TABLE 4 - QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED.

Principal Articles Exported	Unit	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
		'000	'000	'000	'000	'000
Butter	lb.	1,295	2,229	2,232	2,429	968
Cheese	lb.	9,183	12,379	13,643	9,259	5,800
Eggs - In Shell	doz.	1,262	2,030	1,902	1,357	1,301
Not in Shell	lb.	6,806	4,531	4,269	2,159	1,960
Fruit, Dried - Currants	lb.	9,273	9,241	8,933	5,569	8,037
Raisins	lb.	22,872	27,797	22,120	19,665	22,167
Other	lb.	2,357	3,707	2,037	1,322	1,010
Fresh - Apples	bush.	323	21	207	249	353
Preserved, Pulpel	lb.	28,704	10,600	20,419	13,826	13,099
Grain - Wheat	bush.	12,908	13,972	15,897	20,121	14,748
Barley	bush.	21,634	14,734	13,912	18,709	17,592
Oats	bush.	36	596	1,529	1,845	454
Flour (inc. Semolina)	tons	90	69	73	87	57
Lead (Pig)	cwt.	3,335	2,743	2,863	3,218	3,260
Meat (Lamb)	lb.	11,544	25,631	17,240	13,471	16,732
Minerals (inc. Concentrates & Ores)	cwt.	5,870	5,054	5,476	5,885	7,857
Silver - Bars, Ingots, etc.	oz.	6,503	5,673	6,086	5,615	2,894
Wine	gall.	1,273	1,124	1,103	1,571	1,401
Wool - Greasy	lb.	101,919	99,638	121,913	134,434	117,256
Other	lb.	9,071	9,754	10,743	11,525	11,256

Exports - Value

These details are set out in two tables - the first showing values of selected items of export and the second showing values according to type of commodity. Over 90% of the value of exports comes from the three groups Agricultural, Pastoral and Mining and the commodities with the greatest value in each group are:- Agricultural - wheat, barley and flour: Pastoral - wool, sheepskins and meat (lamb): Mining - lead, zinc and silver.

The value per unit of quantity of five of these commodities has remained reasonably constant during the five years under review, the remainder varied as follows:- The average value for wheat was approximately 18/- per bushel in 1953/54 and 14/- for the succeeding years and for flour £38 per ton in 1953/54 and £28 to £31 for the remainder of the period. The average value of lead rose from £5/9/- per cwt. in 1953/54 to £6/17/- in 1956/57 and fell sharply to £4/16/- in 1957/58. The value of wool fluctuated between 7/2d. and 5/1d. per lb. over the period.

TABLE 5 - VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED

Principal Articles Exported	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Butter	199	379	326	315	108
Cheese	771	1,110	988	696	297
Eggs - In Shell	250	292	261	220	164
Not in Shell	953	503	496	257	231
Fish (inc. Crayfish)	232	276	232	268	302
Fruit, Dried - Currants	408	432	460	299	429
Raisins	1,214	1,337	1,154	1,061	1,410
Other	292	487	279	206	139
Fresh - Apples	497	28	346	385	594
Other	95	92	105	70	111
Juices and Syrups	126	92	49	76	68
Preserved, Pulpel	1,944	749	1,375	954	878
Grain - Wheat	11,820	9,904	11,052	13,826	10,686
Barley	12,233	7,897	7,035	9,268	8,591
Oats	14	267	489	554	119
Flour (inc. Semolina)	3,452	2,133	2,081	2,453	1,748
Honey	217	150	113	116	182
Metal & Metal Manufactures (total)	(21,316)	(19,082)	(20,947)	(24,595)	(18,376)
Iron (Pig)	1,301	725	178	149	155
Iron and Steel Scrap	237	89	136	376	492
Lead (Pig)	18,191	16,792	19,170	22,008	15,703
Machinery & Vehicles	603	533	910	1,323	1,323
Other Metal & Metal Manufactures	984	943	553	739	703
Meat - Lamb	740	2,672	1,689	1,137	1,663
Other	1,270	766	771	593	1,339
Minerals (inc. Concentrates & Ores)	4,941	4,878	4,769	7,126	7,830
Peas (inc. Split Peas)	374	241	378	410	180
Salt	125	153	166	142	141
Silver - Bars, Ingots, etc.	2,461	2,172	2,457	2,227	1,136
Skins and Hides	2,513	2,497	2,283	3,287	3,831
Spirits (Brandy, etc.)	159	145	118	162	148
Tallow	370	213	455	498	612
Wine	801	709	655	985	906
Wool - Greasy	34,760	30,232	30,506	44,220	31,260
Other	4,648	4,366	4,526	5,242	5,281
All Other	1,054	825	1,105	1,276	1,122
TOTAL VALUE EXPORTS	110,249	95,079	97,666	122,924	99,882

TABLE 6 - VALUE OF EXPORTS IN COMMODITY GROUPS

Commodity Group	1953/54	1954/55	1955/56	1956/57	1957/58
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Agricultural etc.	28,113	20,625	21,237	26,862	21,488
Pastoral & Dairying	46,870	43,246	42,477	56,661	45,041
Orchards, Vineyards, etc.	5,460	3,996	4,502	4,112	4,615
Mining	27,030	25,310	26,986	31,853	25,124
Manufacturing & Miscellaneous	2,776	1,902	2,464	3,436	3,614
TOTAL	110,249	95,079	97,666	122,924	99,882

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